

Affidavits.

mark a group, should said voter desire to vote for an entire group. Affidavits of such voters shall contain a statement of the name and registered address of the voter, and of the special reason why he is unable to mark his ballots, and how long such disability has existed; and blanks for such affidavits shall be furnished by the Supervisors of Elections in sufficient numbers for each polling place, and all such affidavits shall be returned with the poll books.

Mode of counting the ballots.

270HHH. The judges shall then open the ballot box and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the box. They shall reject any ballots which are deceitfully folded together, and any ballots which do not have endorsed thereon the name or initials of the judge who held the ballots. If the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if, for any reason, it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for any office to be filled, his ballot shall not be counted for such office. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof, and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned to the ballot box, as hereinafter directed. When the voter marks the cross mark opposite the party emblem, his vote shall be counted as cast for all the candidates in such party group whose names are not erased, and the effect of such marking shall not be altered by him also making the cross mark opposite one or more names of candidates in the said group; but if a voter shall have made the cross mark opposite a party name or emblem and also opposite one or more names of candidates in another column, his vote shall be counted for such candidate so marked in another column and also for all the candidates under the marked party name or emblem whose names are not erased, and each name in the said marked party group opposite the name of any candidate marked as aforesaid in another column shall be deemed erased, unless the voter has, by erasure, indicated some other name in the said marked group that is to be omitted in its stead. The said judges shall count the votes in the following manner: They shall open the ballots, and all of these shall be canvassed separately by one of the judges sitting between two other judges, which judge shall call out each name and the office for which it is designated, the other judges looking at the ballot at the same time, and the clerks making tally of the same, or the said judges may first canvass and count the "straights," or full tickets, laying aside, while so doing, the "split" or "scratched" tickets, and after they have so canvassed and counted the straight or full tickets,

Cross marks opposite party name or emblem.

Canvassing the vote.